

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the Office Action of March 16, 2006. In the Office Action, the Examiner had indicated that claims 9 and 37 would be allowable if presented in independent form including the respective base independent claim and any intervening claims. By the present Amendment, Applicant has amended claim 1 to incorporate the limitations of previous claim 9 and intervening claim 6. Applicant has also amended claim 34 to incorporate the limitations of previous claim 37 and intervening claims. Applicant thus submits that claims 1 and 34 are now allowable per the Examiner's comments in the Office Action.

By the present amendment, Applicant has also amended claim 52 to comport with amendments made in claim 1, and Applicant submits that claim 52 as amended is similarly allowable.

Based on the foregoing, Applicant submits that the present application is in position for prompt adjudication and allowance. Applicant believes that all of the claims currently pending in the present application are now in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Should there be any outstanding issues requiring discussion that would further the prosecution and allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the address and phone number provided below. A three-month extension of time is being filed simultaneously with this Amendment.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0766 in payment of the required fees.

Respectfully submitted,  
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